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1. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL INQUIRIES ON OUR PART (REF A REPORTED THE INTITIAL ONE), MOFA HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THAT CHAN CHUNG-HSIUNG WAS ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 5, 1971, ON A CHARGE OF PLACING A BOMB IN A TAIPEI BANK.HE WAS SENTENCED SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO EIGHT YEARS AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR HAVING "ENDANGERED PUBLIC SAFETY."THAT SENTENCE WAS LATERCOMMUTED TO FIVE YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS, AND CHAN WAS RELEASED NOVEMBER 1, 1976. ACCORDING TO MOFA, CHAN IS NOW WORKING IN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, TAIPEI.

2. PER REF B, PARA 2, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND DIRECTLY TO INQUIRIES FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS IN DETROIT. UNGER

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